

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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Public Announcement In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting, of the Borough Council, has been provided to three newspapers and published in the December 22, 2016 issue of the Beach Haven Times.

A meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City was held on the above date in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall. Roll call, followed by a salute to the flag, showed the following to be in attendance:

Councilman Hadash, Councilman Hartney, Councilman Wm. Hodgson, Councilman Klose, Councilman Russell, Councilwoman Siciliano and Mayor F. Hodgson.

Mayor Hodgson called for approval of the minutes of the reorganization meeting. Upon a motion by Mr. Klose, seconded by Mr. Russell, the minutes were approved as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hadash, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None. Abstained - Hartney.

Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2017-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, 2000" AS THE SAME IN CHAPTER 18 PERTAINS TO "STREETS AND SIDEWALKS"

and moved that same be given its first reading after brief discussion regarding certain improvements. Upon a motion by Mrs. Siciliano, seconded by Mr. Hartney, Ordinance 2017-01 was introduced and passed on first reading and will be considered for final passage, after a public hearing, to be held on February 8, 2017.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hadash, Hartney, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2017-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, 2000" AS THE SAME IN CHAPTER 30 PERTAINS TO "ZONING"

and moved that same be given its first reading after brief discussion regarding certain improvements. Upon a motion by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Hartney, Ordinance 2017-02 was introduced and passed on first reading and will be considered for final passage, after a public hearing, to be held on February 8, 2017.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hadash, Hartney, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

Resolution authorizing the Tax Assessor and/or Municipal Attorney to act as agent for the Municipality in filing petitions of appeal. Upon a motion by Mr. Hartney, seconded by Mr. Russell, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2017-26

WHEREAS, from time to time, the Tax Assessor discovers an error in calculation, transposing, measurement, or typographical errors, in the tax assessments on the tax list after the time the County Board of Taxation has certified the tax rates for the tax year or a property becomes subject to a roll-back assessment;

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Taxing District of the Borough of Surf City is desirous that every taxpayer pays his fair share of taxes; and

WHEREAS, if the above discovered errors are not corrected or a roll-back assessment not applied, the taxpayers affected would not be paying their fair share of taxes; and

WHEREAS, the method for correcting such errors is to file a Petition of Appeal or Complaint with the Ocean County Board of Taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Taxing District of the Borough of Surf City, that the Tax Assessor or Municipal Attorney is hereby authorized to act as the agent for the taxing district during the year of 2017 and file a Petition of Appeal or Complaint with the Ocean County Board of Taxation to correct such assessments to the proper value and that a copy of any Petition of Appeal or Complaint filed with the Ocean County Board of Taxation, under this Resolution, be filed with the Municipal Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Assessor or Municipal Attorney is hereby authorized to execute stipulations of settlement on any tax appeal or complaint filed by the taxing district or by a taxpayer in the tax year 2017; and

That a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Ocean County Board of Taxation with any such Petition of Appeal.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hadash, Hartney, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

Resolution approving the Emergency Management Council Ledger for the year 2017. Upon a motion by Mr. Klose, seconded by Mrs. Siciliano, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2017-27

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Emergency Management Council Ledger, as attached hereto, be and is hereby approved and the Emergency Management Coordinator be and is hereby authorized to execute same.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hadash, Hartney, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

Resolution authorizing the execution of a one year agreement with the Associated Humane Society for animal control services. There is no increase in the cost of services for 2017. Upon a motion by Mr. Klose, seconded by Mr. Hartney, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2017-28

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City that Mayor Hodgson be and is hereby authorized to execute the attached 1 year agreement with the Associated Humane Society for animal control services for the period from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hadash, Hartney, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

Resolution authorizing the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Ocean, for participation in the Schedule "C" program. Upon a motion by Mr. Klose, seconded by Mrs. Siciliano, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2017-29

WHEREAS, the County of Ocean has created and established a program to assist municipalities in the repair and maintenance of municipal streets in addition to providing certain materials and supplies in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., , authorizes local units to agree to provide services jointly by contract, when approved by resolution, in accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:65-5 et seq., ; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Surf City wishes to enter into an agreement with the County of Ocean to provide certain repair, maintenance services, road overlay, materials and supplies, not to exceed the total sum of \$365,000.00, to be disbursed as follows:

Road Department	\$350,000.
Engineering Department	\$ 15,000.
Vehicle Services Department	\$ 00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Surf City are hereby authorized and directed to enter into and execute a Joint Services Agreement with the County of Ocean for the provision of services in the Borough of Surf City as more specifically set forth in the attached agreement.

2. A copy of this Agreement shall be kept on file and be available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

3. This agreement shall take effect January 1, 2017 and shall remain in full force and effect through December 31, 2017. Sufficient funds have been appropriated and are available for this purpose in the current municipal budget.

4. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to:
The Clerk of the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders
Ocean County Road Department
Ocean County Department of Finance

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hadash, Hartney, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

Resolution authorizing the application for a 2017 Department of Transportation Trust Fund Grant to continue improvements to Barnegat Avenue. Upon a motion by Mrs. Siciliano, seconded by Mr. Hartney, resolution 2017-13, attached hereto as Schedule 1, was adopted:

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hadash, Hartney, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

Resolution authorizing payment of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Water Allocation Permit in the amount of \$7,235.00. Upon a motion by Mr. Klose, seconded by Mr. Hartney, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2017-30

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City that the authorization be and is hereby given to proceed with payment of the annual DEP Environmental Regulation - Water Allocation Permit in the amount of \$7,235.00.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hadash, Hartney, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

Resolution approving the Fire Prevention Plan in accordance with OSHA requirements. Upon a motion by Mr. Klose, seconded by Mr. Russell, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2017-31

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fire Prevention Plan, as attached hereto, be and is hereby approved in accordance with OSHA requirements.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hadash, Hartney, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

Resolution approving the Lock-Out/Tag-Out Plan in accordance with OSHA requirements. Upon a motion by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Klose, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2017-32

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lock-Out/Tag-Out plan, as attached hereto, be and is hereby approved in accordance with OSHA requirements.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hadash, Hartney, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

Resolution approving the Cash Management Plan for the year 2017. Upon a motion by Mr. Hartney, seconded by Mr. Klose, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2017-25

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City that the attached Cash Management Plan of the Borough of Surf City be and is hereby adopted for the year 2017.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hadash, Hartney, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

Reports:

Municipal Court Report for the month of November, 2016

Committee Reports:

Councilman Hadash, Chairman of Sanitation expressed his honor in serving the people of Surf City and looks forward to 2017. He also gave the Sanitation and Recycling Report for the month of December. Upon a motion by Mr. Hadash, seconded by Mr. Russell, the following resolution 2017-33 was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2017-33

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that John J. Boyne, III, be and is hereby appointed a seasonal laborer in the Public Works Dept. on a part time, as needed basis at the rate of \$10.00 per hour, effective as of December 21, 2016 and terminating on June 30, 2017.

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Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hadash, Hartney, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None. Abstained - Wm. Hodgson.

Councilman Russell, Chairman of Public Property and Lifeguards discussed briefly with the Mayor and Governing Body a letter received from Mrs. Sproule. He expressed his feelings in serving the people of Surf City and provide a report on improvements to Municipal property. He also wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilman Wm. Hodgson, Chairman of Police wished everyone a Happy New Year and ditto to that which was said by Councilman Russell. He provided a statistical report of operations for the year and for the Month of December, 2016.

Councilwoman Siciliano, Chairwoman of Streets and Roads commented on this being a great group of people to work for and with, thank you very much! She also commented on various matters such as the bridge project and public works preparing for winter.

Councilman Hartney, Chairman of Beaches agreed with the sentiments already expressed and provided a report on the sale of holiday beach badges and the condition of the beaches. He commented on information he previously copied to each member of the Governing Body on a beach matter in North Wildwood.

Councilman Klose, Chairman of Water/Sewer agreed with the sentiments already expressed and provided a report on water and sewer.

Mayor Hodgson commented on recent discussion with Mayor Huelsenbeck of Ship Bottom regarding Tax Collection services. Brief discussion ensued regarding Tax Collection services and the potential for a future re-assessment. He expressed a Happy New Year and thank you to everyone, for their support.

Comments from the Audience: None

Correspondence:

Action Required: None

No Action Required: None

Comments from the Audience: None

Bill Resolution: Upon a motion by Mrs. Siciliano, seconded by Mr. Hartney, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, N.J. that the appurtenances known as "Scheduled Payment Reports" containing vouchers to be paid in the total amounts of:

Water & Sewer -	\$ 103,485.80
Current -	729,722.50
Payroll Account -	136,170.77
Dog License Account -	.00
Ice Cream Vendor Acct. -	.00
Escrow Release -	.00
Tax Certificate Acct. -	.00
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	\$ 969,379.07

are hereby ordered paid; and, the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to draw an order upon the Borough Treasurer for same.

Approved: Councilman Klose
Councilman Hartney
Councilman Russell

Dated: January 3, 2017

/s/ Francis R. Hodgson, Sr., Mayor

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hadash, Hartney, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

With there being no further business to come before the Governing Body, upon a motion by Mr. Klose, seconded by Mr. Hartney, and, a vote in the affirmative, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY P. MADONNA, RMC/MMC/QPA/CPM
Municipal Clerk/Borough Administrator